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SUMMARY. MARCH 28 PRESS FULL OF STORIES SUGGESTING
FERMENT IN ISRAEL COULD BRING EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD
RENEWED NEGOTIATIONS. POSSIBILITY OF WEIZMAN COMING
TO CAIRO AND ALLEGED ISRAELI PEACE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED,
APPARENTLY DRAWING ON ISRAELI PUBLIC STATEMENTS.
GHORBAL ARRIVES WITH MESSAGE FOR SADAT FROM CARTER.
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GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL DOUBTS SERIOUS CONFLICT EXISTS
BETWEEN BEGIN AND WEIZMAN AND ADVISES ARABS NOT TO PIN
HOPES ON LATTER. AKHBAR EDITORIAL DISCOUNTS ISRAELI
STATEMENTS ABOUT UNANIMITY BEHIND BEGIN AND PREDICTS
"RADICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ISRAEL IN NEXT FEW DAYS."
END SUMMARY.

1. RENEWAL OF PEACE PROCESS. PRESS CITES ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAYING GOI STUDYING QUESTION OF SENDING WEIZMAN TO EGYPT TO RENEW PEACE TALKS AND MAARIV STORY THAT MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL RESUME. GUMHURIYYA QUOTES YEDIOT AHARONUT THAT BEGIN WILL PROPOSE, "IN HIS ANSWER" TO SADAT LETTER, REACTIVATION OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEES AND ASK SADAT TO SUBMIT PEACE PLAN SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE RESUMED ON BASIS OF ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN PLANS. REPORTED ALSO IS ISRAELI CABINET DECLARATION, THAT GOI READY TO "MAKE ANY NEW CONTACTS" WITH WASHINGTON OR CAIRO.

2. ISRAELI PROPOSAL. PRESS PICKS UP ON ISRAELI FORMULA FOR RESUMING PEACE TALKS BUT DOES NOT PUBLISH VERBATIM TEXT. GUMHURIYYA CITES ISRAELI RADIO REPORTS THAT BEGIN'S FORMULA HAS FIVE POINTS INCLUDING ISRAELI APPROVAL OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS OF WEST BANK AND GAZA IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE AND WITHDRAWAL FROM "THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" ON BASIS OF 242 WITHOUT MENTIONING TOTAL WITHDRAWAL. AHRAM REPORTS THAT TEXT OF PROPOSALS WAS SUBMITTED BY BEGIN DURING HIS TALKS WITH CARTER. AHRAM ALSO CARRIES STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO YIGAL YADIN THAT PRESIDENT CARTER REJECTED BEGIN'S PROPOSALS. AKHBAR CITES ISRAELI SPOKESMAN SAYING ISRAEL WILL TAKE SECRET STEPS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT. ISRAELI SPOKESMAN STRESSES UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT ISRAELI PEACE PLANS IN PRESENT FORM NOT FINAL PLAN OR FINAL TEXT OF PEACE TREATY BUT A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

3. U.S. ASHRAF GHORBAL ARRIVED MARCH 27 "WITH MESSAGE FROM CARTER FOR SADAT AND VERBAL MESSAGE FROM VANCE TO KAMEL."

4. COMMENTARY. GUMHURIYYA SAYS SADAT INITIATIVE HAD DESTROYED ISRAELI ARGUMENT THAT IT IS SMALL STATE SURROUNDED BY ARAB ANIMOSITY, BECAUSE EGYPT HAS NOW COMMITTED HERSELF TO PROVIDE ISRAEL WITH SECURITY GUARANTEES. KAMEL ZOHARI IN GUMHURIYYA DENIES THERE IS "SERIOUS CONFLICT" BETWEEN BEGIN AND WEIZMAN, SAYING DISPUTE IS "VERY NARROW" AND DOES NOT TURN ON ESSENCE OF NEGOTIATIONS. ZOHARI ARGUES THAT IF WEIZMAN NOW DIFFERS WITH BEGIN IT IS STRANGE THAT HE SHOULD ANNOUNCE THAT ISRAEL WOULD AGAIN THREATEN TO OCCUPY LEBANON UNLESS COMMANDOS STOP SHELLING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS, ZOHARI CHARACTERIZES WEIZMAN AS "FAVORITE" OF THE LIKUD GROUP. AHRAM CASTS DOUBTS ON ISRAELI CABINET UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR BEGIN SAYING IT MERE EFFORT TO

SAVE ISRAEL'S FACE. HE DOUBTS THERE IS TRUE SOLIDARITY
AND, REFERRING TO LABOR PARTY'S DECLARATIONS ACCEPTING
ASWAN FORMULA AND AFFIRMING 242 APPLIES TO ALL FRONTS,
AHRAM CONCLUDES THAT "RADICAL DEVELOPMENTS" WILL TAKE
PLACE IN ISRAEL WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. EILTS

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